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ON NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS

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1. AS DEPT AWARE, IN ABSENCE OF OFFICIAL DUTCH GOVT POLICY ON NAR-
COTICS, VARIOUS OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH NARCOTICS MATTERS IN
MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, JUSTICE, AND HEALTH ARE MOVING
HESITANTLY AND CAUTIOUSLY ON DRUG QUESTIONS, LEST THEY TAKE
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INITIATIVES WHICH MAY LATER BE FOUND INCONSISTENT WITH WHATEVER

POLICY MAY EMERGE. EMBASSY HAS STRESSED TO MINISTRY OFFICIALS CONCERNED THAT PARIS CONFERENCE IS INTENDED AS EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND IDEAS AND TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS AND THAT NO COMMITMENTS IN NARCOTICS FIELD WILL BE SOUGHT. NEVERTHELESS, MINISTRIES CONCERNED HAVE NOT YET COME UP WITH FINAL DECISION ON INVITATION.

2. SITUATION AT PRESENT IS THAT MFA HAS KICKED THE INVITATION BALL INTO MIN JUSTICE COURT, WHERE FINAL DECISION WILL APPARENTLY BE MADE. PRINCIPAL MFA CONTACT ON INVITATION (KRUYT, SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AFFAIRS) INFORMED EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICER OCT 3 THAT DECISION FROM JUSTICEMINISTRY EXPECTED IN NEXT FEW DAYS. KRUYT SOUNDED RATHERSANGUINE RE PROSPECTS FOR DUTCH PARTICIPATION. AT ANY RATE, INTENTION IS THAT IF DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IS MADE, DUTCH WOULD PROBABLY SEND DELEGATION CONSISTING OF ONE POLICE OFFICIAL AND ONE FORENSICS EXPERT FROM MIN JUSTICE LABS. ADDITIONALLY, AN OFFICIAL FROM ONE OF OTHER CONCERNED MINISTRIES MIGHT GO ALONG, BUT ONLY IN OBSERVER STATUS AND NOT AS REGULAR DELEGATION MEMBER (THUS DOWNPLAYING DUTCH PARTICIPATION).

3. KRUYT HAS AGREED TO ADVISE EMBASSY AS SOON AS DECISION IS REACHED.

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